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1. EMBOFF HAS DISCUSSED POINTS OF REFTTEL WITH LODEWIJK

MEULEMANS, CHIEF OF TREASURY EXTERNAL RELATIONS, MINISTRY OF FINANCE. MEULEMANS SAID IDB MEMBERSHIP BILL WILL BE SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT WHEN IT RECONVENES THIS OCTOBER, AND HE HOPES FOR APPROVAL BY END OF 1975 (AGREEMENT WOULD, IN FACT, HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED THIS SPRING BEFORE PARLIAMENTARY ADJOURNMENT, IF IT WERE NOT NECESSARY FIRST TO TRANSLATE ITS BULKY CONTENTS INTO BOTH FRENCH AND DUTCH). MEULEMANS ANTICIPATES BILL WILL BE PASSED ROUTINELY, WITH NO PARTICULAR OPPOSITION IN EITHER CHAMBER.

2. MEULEMANS ADDED THAT HE HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH BELGIAN REPRESENTATION ON IDB MEMBERSHIP ISSUE SINCE 1972, AND THUS HAS A PERSONAL STAKE IN ITS RESOLUTION. HE AGREES THAT CONFUSION AT MAY 21 MEETING PROBABLY NOT SERIOUS, BUT HOPES THAT IDB WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE FURTHER ASSURANCES AS TO REGIONALS' ATTITUDES WHEN GUOUP CONVENES IN WASHINGTON THIS SEPTEMBER. HE BELIEVES VENEZUELAN AND ARGENTINE FOOT-DRAGGING CAUSED BY OPPOSITION TO WHAT THEY REGARD AS U.S. POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL DOMINANCE IN ORGANIZATION, RATHER THAN OBJECTIONS TO NON-REGIONALS' MEMBERSHIP PER SE. FIRESTONE

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